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FIRE MATTERS

DISCUSSED AT THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MONDAY NIGHT.

Thomas H. Decker Says Other Arrangements Must Be Made for Handling Chemical Wagon—To Purchase Horse for Excelsior Company—Horse Purchase Discussed.

Matters pertaining to the fire department were a chief theme of discussion at the regular meeting of the Town Council held Monday night. Thomas H. Decker, the livery man who supplies horses for the apparatus in Central firehouse, sprang a surprise in the council in a letter in which he notified that body that other arrangements would have to be made for horses to draw the new combination chemical engine and hose wagon just received by the department. Mr. Decker said in his letter that after looking the wagon and its equipment over he had decided that it was too heavy for the horses he kept on hand for livery purposes.

The matter brought up by Mr. Decker was referred to the fire committee for investigation, and pending its settlement the proposed transfer of Phoenix Hose Company's wagon to Montgomery Hose Company will have to be postponed.

Bills for the new chemical wagon and supplies for it were presented for payment, but at the suggestion of Mayor Hauser were laid over until the machine had been formally accepted by the Town Council, and the fire committee was directed to see to it that the town had got all it contracted for before the bills were paid.

In the absence of Mr. Unangst, chairman of the fire committee, Mr. Sadler submitted a recommendation from Chief Engineer Higgins for the purchase of 500 feet of new hose. The department, the chief said, was short of hose, as two lengths of it had burst at the Raab Hotel fire.

Mr. Harrison made his usual request that the Combination Roll and Rubber Company of this town be given an opportunity to bid for supplying the hose. Mr. Harrison has made this request before when the question of purchasing fire hose was before the council. The rubber company, he said, was a large tax payer in the town and paid out a large sum of money weekly in wages to residents here, and in all fairness should be given a chance to bid.

Mr. Sadler said that he thoroughly agreed with Mr. Harrison and that the rubber company would be asked to bid. Mr. Sadler added that he favored giving all local manufacturers or merchants consideration in all purchases of town supplies of all kinds.

The matter of purchasing a new set of single harness to be placed in Montgomery Hose house was laid over until there was need for its use, which will not be until the Phoenix Company's wagon is transferred to the Montgomery Company.

Mr. Sadler reported to the council that the contract with Hallinan Brothers for supplying a horse for the use of Excelsior Hose Company had expired and that the Hallinans had declined to renew the contract and had positively declared that they did not want it.

Excelsior Hose Company, Mr. Sadler said, was composed of an active lot of able bodied men who were capable of doing good fire duty and were willing to do it, provided they were supplied with the proper equipment and he thought it was a duty that the council owed to the citizens to see to it that proper fire protection was furnished, and he made a motion that the town purchase a horse for Excelsior Hose Company at a cost not to exceed \$300.

Mr. Hummel spoke in favor of the purchase of the horse and also said that it was necessary to the protection from fire in the locality in which the company is located that it be put in proper shape to make prompt response to fire alarms.

Mayor Hauser said that the council was well aware of his position in the matter and that he had always stood for the equipment of all the companies in the fire department with horses.

Mr. Albinson also declared himself in favor of the purchase of a horse.

Mr. Sadler's motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Sadler's next motion was that a man be employed by the town at a salary of \$15 per month to take care of the horse and the members of Excelsior company be allowed to name the man.

Mr. Hummel spoke in favor of making the janitor of the hose house the custodian of the horse.

Mr. Sadler said that a man who was capable of caring for a horse had been proposed by the company, but he was not the janitor of the fire house, and in

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fact the janitor did not want the job of looking after the horse.

Mr. Murray said that the most important point was to have the horse well looked after.

The motion to employ a custodian of the horse was carried and the matter referred to the fire committee to look after the details.

Architect John F. Capen submitted plans for the new fire house for Montgomery Hose Company. The building he had designed, Mr. Capen said, would cost between \$3,200 and \$3,500. The plans were referred to the fire committee for investigation and report.

The fire committee was authorized to purchase a new fire extinguisher for Active Hose Company at a cost not to exceed \$12.50.

Exempt certificates were ordered granted to George Westervelt, Charles H. Connor, Joseph Buck, Moses Hewett and Howard C. Erland. The election of F. Davis Mitchell and Raymond F. Davis members of Essex Hook and Ladder Company was approved by the council.

Next Guild Concert.

One of the remarkable features of the courses of entertainments given under the auspices of the First Church Guild has been the very high quality of the concerts, and from the list of those who are to appear next Monday evening and the programme they will present it would seem as though this entertainment would prove no exception to the ones which have gone before. Those who will entertain the subscribers to the guild course are as follows: Mme. Charlotte Maconda, soprano; Miss Marguerite Wilson Ayres, contralto; Mr. Ralph Brainard, tenor; Mr. Jorge Benitez, baritone; assisted by Miss Anna Merritt, pianist; with Miss Bernadine Kieckhefer, accompanist.

Their programme will consist of a quartette from Verdi's "Rigoletto," a trio from Gounod's "Faust," a duet from Massenet's "Thais," with soprano, contralto, tenor and baritone solos, as well as several piano solos.

In passing it might be of interest to know that Mme. Maconda has sung with great success in all the large cities in the United States and with all the important symphony orchestras, also at the Metropolitan opera concerts and was engaged as one of the principal singers with Mme. Nordica for six weeks of opera in Havana, Cuba.

Mr. Jorge Benitez is an especially artistic Spanish baritone and has met with remarkable success here in America this season. It is safe to say that concert will be up to the guild standard, which is saying much.

Minstrel Show by Boy Scouts.

Mr. Cannon, the well-known coach, has for several weeks past been training about thirty-five Boy Scouts of this town in their parts in a minstrel show to be given for the benefit of the local Council of Boy Scouts of America in Central hall Monday evening, February 12. On this date the public will be given an opportunity to see just what boys properly trained can do, and the committee in charge feel confident that the affair will be a big success. Mr. Everett Benjamin, chairman of the finance committee, has spared no pains to present a high-class entertainment, and it is hoped to make it one of the social events of the season.

The talent will be composed of Boy Scouts especially selected for their parts. New songs, new jokes and a good time is promised to all. The following are the members of the cast: Elliot Daffer, Duane Roddy, Nicholas Arnold, Robert Trainor, Robert Marsh, Harold Riker, Charles Hummel, William Hummel, Ralph Morrison, Clarence Davis, Herbert Ayers, Edwin Swan, Gordon Babcock, Meredith Fitch, H. Fredericks, Garrett Conover, Thorton Rice, Percival Chance, George Asken, George Buttinghausen, Arthur Lohr, Charles Seibert, George Lenox, Wilbur Van Wagner, Noble Colfax, Charles Simmons, Benjamin Bollenback, John Untiedt, Winthrop Barr, Jean Saville, Grant Bender, William Adams Thorp, William Benjamin.

Preparations are going on a pace under the direction of James E. West, chief scout executive, for the second annual meeting of the Boy Scouts of America, scout commissioners and scoutmasters in the Hotel Astor, New York, on February 9 and 10. Many eminent men are expected to be present at the meetings and at the dinner in honor of Lieutenant General Sir Robert S. S. Baden Powell, General Baden Powell, in his talks to Boy Scouts advises the boys not to smoke. He says that any boy who takes to cigarettes is not brave. A boy tries smoking, General Powell says, not because he likes it, he does it because he is afraid not to when other boys are doing it. "He is a little funk."

Free Bible Lecture.

Mr. W. L. McGregor of New York will give a free Bible lecture under the auspices of the Bloomfield Branch of the International Bible Students at 8 p. m. Sunday at the Essex County Building and Loan Hall, 36 Broad street. All are welcome.

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ENEMIES OR GUESTS.

Discussions Over Invitations to the Centennial Banquet—Should Men who are Planning to Injure the Town Be Extended Its Hospitality?

It is understood that the Banquet Committee and the Committee on Invitations have both been appointed and are taking up the work of arranging for the banquet that is to be a feature of the Centennial celebration. Invitations to this affair will soon be extended to out of town people who are to be guests of honor, and some questions have arisen that now are topics for discussion among many citizens. For instance the following:

Is it right and consistent to invite to share the town's hospitality, such men as Mayor Hinck of Montclair, Mayor Gregory or Councilman Pierson of East Orange, or any other of the promoters of the project that will injure this town by locating an Imhoff sewerage disposal plant here or on the borders of Belleville?

Would it be fair for the Belleville and Nutley officials to be invited to sit at the banquet table with men who are planning to do their respective towns an injury of so serious a nature?

Should the citizens of Bloomfield be put to the expense of entertaining men whom very many people of the town do not want here?

It must be kept in mind that it is not the people of East Orange or Montclair who are backing this Imhoff scheme of Messrs Hinck and Pierson. There are many citizens in both of these municipalities who are opposed to the involving of their respective places in the Imhoff project.

Is the Imhoff scheme a money making one?

The above and other questions of similar character are now themes for consideration among those men who go so far as to ask "why hold a banquet at all?" They question the right of a few men to expend public funds in something from which the general public will be shut out.

If there must be a Centennial banquet they claim that it should be in the nature of a dollar or two dollar dinner and each man pay for his own ticket and as many more as he wants to give to his friends. It is not a square deal to the public to limit the mass of the people to the privilege of peering in the window at the select few who are enjoying the "special privilege" of feasting at the public expense.

E. K. Coulter to Speak Here.

Ernest K. Coulter, for ten years clerk of the Children's Court in New York, will speak at the service to-morrow evening in the First Presbyterian Church. Mr. Coulter's aggressive work undertaken for the promotion of humanitarian efforts to save children from crime has become widely known. During his ten years' service in the New York court nearly 100,000 children have come under his observation. He is the founder of the Big Brother movement and a well-known lecturer on juvenile delinquency.

The congregations of the Westminster Church and Broughton Memorial Chapel have accepted an invitation to be present at this service. It will be in charge of the Men's League of the First Church. Music will be rendered by a male quartette.

Christ Episcopal Church.

The music at the services in Christ Episcopal Church to-morrow will be as follows: morning service 11 o'clock, Communion service in C. Tours; offertory anthem, "O Zion Bless City." A special musical service will be held at 4.30 p. m. when Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in D. Clare; will be sung and the offertory anthem, "How lovely are the Messengers," Mendelssohn; solo, "My heart ever faithful," Bach. To-morrow will be anniversary day in the church and Bishop Lines will be present. A reception to the rector, the Rev. E. A. White and Mrs. White will be given in the parish house on Thursday evening, the 25th inst.

Queens Daughters' Circle.

The Queens Daughters' Sewing Circle of the Church of the Sacred Heart made and distributed three hundred and fourteen garments during the year 1911. The financial receipts of the circle for the year amounted to \$396.67. The money was disbursed as follows: clothing, \$101.88; provisions, \$104.96; rent, \$123; current expenses of the circle, \$48.94; balance, \$117.89. The officers of the circle are: Mrs. Michael Murray, president; Mrs. Joseph Owen, vice-president; Mrs. Frank Fisher, secretary; Mrs. Edward J. Hughes, treasurer.

Alumni Play.

The Bloomfield High School Alumni Association will present George Broadhurst's comedy, "What Happened to Jones" in Central Hall on Wednesday evening, February 14. Dancing will follow the play.

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TOWN COUNCIL

Held a Regular Meeting Monday Night—Several Warrants Drawn for Bonds and Interest Account—Public Lighting Matters Discussed—Morris Park Improvement Work.

A regular meeting of the Town Council was held Monday night, at which Councilman Murray of the finance committee recommended that town warrants be drawn as follows: One of \$1,000 to the Sinking Fund Commission to take up school bonds of that amount. One to the national bank of \$960 to pay six months' interest on \$13,000 of 4 per cents. One to the Fidelity Trust Company of \$1,000 to pay interest on \$50,000 sewer bonds and one of \$3,600 to pay interest on \$180,000 of school bonds.

On the police pension fund Mr. Murray reported that no specific action of the council was necessary in regard to the operation of the fund, as the act provided the course to be pursued, and on his motion the town treasurer was directed to deduct from the monthly salary of the policemen what the law provides shall go towards the fund and the public contribution to the fund will be provided for in the appropriation ordinance.

At the request of Town Attorney Kocher the finance committee recommended that the sum of \$50 be deposited with the clerk of the Supreme Court to pay for search fees that arise from time to time in the opening of new streets.

Mr. Albinson, chairman of the street lighting committee, reported that Superintendent Burkholder of the Public Service Electric Lighting Company had informed him that all the sixteen-candle power incandescent lights had been replaced by Tungsten lights, as per the new contract, and that the new lights would be placed by February 1.

Mr. Harrison asked the lighting committee to have a light placed at Walnut street and Walnut terrace so that residents there could get electric lighting in their homes.

Mr. Murray suggested that the lighting committee in placing new lamps make provision for lights at all the new railroad bridges.

The lighting company, Mr. Albinson said, wanted the bridge lighting treated in the same manner as house lighting and that the current supplied be measured by meter.

The council does not favor that plan and insists upon it that the bridge lighting be treated in the same manner as other public lights.

Mayor Hauser requested the lighting committee to have the cluster lights on the fountain stand at the Centre removed and two are lights put in place of them.

Mr. Albinson agreed with the mayor that it would be in the interest of economy to do so, as the present lights cost \$640 per annum to maintain.

Mr. Sadler of the police committee submitted the report of Chief of Police Collins on the suspension of Officer John Breen for violation of the police department ordinance and the council fixed Thursday evening, the 18th inst., for a hearing on the charge and the clerk was directed to notify Mr. Breen.

Mr. Harrison of the poor committee recommended that Overseer of the Poor Adam Lind be authorized to advertise for bids for supplies for the poor.

The matter caused considerable discussion. Mr. Murray wanted to know on what basis the bids were to be called.

Mr. Harrison enumerated several articles that could be procured in barrel lots.

Mr. Hummel objected to the plan as impracticable if the bids were made to cover a one year period.

Mr. Albinson held a similar opinion and said there was not room enough in the poor store to carry any great amount of stock.

Mayor Hauser inclined to favor Mr. Harrison's plan and said it was in operation in other places and he requested Mr. Harrison to make a further investigation of the matter and report at the next meeting.

Mr. Sadler of the public grounds committee reported in favor of beginning the work of improving Morris Park in the Second ward. The council, he said, had \$5,000 to spend for that purpose, and on his motion Henry Baechlin, a landscape architect, was engaged to lay out the park.

Mr. Sadler of the sewer committee read a letter from City Clerk Coughtry of Orange, in which it was stated that the sewer committee of the Orange City Council would shortly meet in conference with the sewer committees of the other municipalities interested in the union outlet sewer for the purpose of discussing questions that had arisen in connection with that sewer.

A representative of the Fairview Improvement Association requested that street signs be placed in that locality. Mr. Albinson reported that there was

much complaint from patrons of the Lackawanna Railroad because the new depot at Watessing avenue was not open in time for the first morning train.

The clerk was instructed to write Assistant Passenger Agent Charles Rath in Newark about the matter.

Notice of the organization of the Board of Assessors was read by the clerk in which it was stated that George B. Milliken had been elected chairman of the board and William R. Raab clerk.

Residents of Plane street sent a petition to the council requesting that a water main be laid in that street.

Rev. George A. Paul, D. D.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE CITIZEN:

SIR—Dr. Paul was a man of genius. The impression which his life made was almost unique. As a sermonizer he scarcely had an equal. As a pastor he was of the highest order. He once preached a sermon on "The Christian Gentleman," based on the whole Epistle to Philemon. A lady said that as he proceeded she could only think what a perfect exemplification he himself was of his subject in the several qualities enumerated.

When the writer became in 1901 his parishoner he found three prominent clergymen who had come before him in the congregation. The writer never perhaps heard fifty so good sermons consecutively from one preacher. It seemed to him that an academic doctorate for our pastor would be eminently appropriate. On consulting the three distinguished doctors of divinity who had heard him before me and longer, I found them all enthusiastic in favor of the honor. I have never seen greater unanimity in such a matter.

While the pulpit of the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church in New York was vacant after the death of Dr. Babcock I felt some conscientious scruples whether it were not a duty, although it might involve a great sacrifice, to inform them where there was a preacher whose sermons were pure gold. Dr. Stevenson was called to that church and had an honored and useful pastorate, but neither he nor Dr. Paul had precisely that combination of qualities best fitted for that church.

God himself said to Israel: "Ye have compassed this mountain long enough; turn ye northward." Few if any pastors of any denomination in Bloomfield have served the same church so long, eighteen years, as Dr. Paul; and none have left a more fragrant memory. He was and is beloved with an affection that will never fail. I have never heard that he was an enemy to any one, or had an enemy anywhere. It is believed that the trustees' session and all the officers and members of Westminster Church and the entire community of Bloomfield had and have profound respect and esteem for Dr. Paul and cherish a deep affection for his memory.

Only Christ, however, has an unchangeable priesthood. Paul and all the Apostles preached to many different churches. It is perhaps the highest privilege on earth to serve as a pastor and be beloved as Dr. Paul was and is beloved in Delaware City, Del., Bloomfield and Upper Montclair. His last pastorate has been eminently successful, as his previous pastorates had been. He saw great expansion under his pastorate in Westminster Church of Bloomfield in members, new buildings and general prosperity. His good work fitted it for further progress, which he has had the pleasure of seeing under the able and faithful labors of his successor.

As the first pastor of a new church in Upper Montclair he has rejoiced in its remarkable growth and in the foundation, already well advanced, of a large new church. Dr. Paul was extraordinary in the felicity of his funeral addresses. The writer only wishes that he could pay a tribute equally befitting to the precious memory of his lamented pastor and friend.

S. W. B.

A Damage Claim.

Basing her claim on a failure of the town fire alarm system to work properly on the occasion of the fire in Raab's hotel building on Saturday, the 6th inst., Mrs. Fredericks, who conducted a bakery in the building, filed a demand for damages with the Town Council Monday night. Mrs. Fredericks submitted a tabulated list of the items that made up her damage claim. The matter was referred to the law and fire committees for investigation and report.

Master Builders Meet.

The annual convention of the Master Builders' Association of New Jersey was held at Perth Amboy on Tuesday. There was a large attendance and a number of new members were taken in. The business sessions of the day were followed by a banquet in the evening. Hugh D. King of this town, a past president of the association, was elected chairman of the Legislative committee and representative to the National Association of Master Builders.

ANT CONFERENCES

BL BY THE ROAD AND RAILROAD COMMITTEES.

Bl. Held Avenue Paving Matter to Be Considered—Decision Wanted in Glenwood Avenue Double Track Matter—Mayor Causes a Change in Rate Schedule.

Chairman George Hummel of the road committee of the Town Council recommended Monday night that a special conference on road matters be held at an early date. The reason given by Mr. Hummel for desiring a conference with all the members of the council was the important matters that were coming up in connection with the paving of Bloomfield avenue and of the business centre of the town. Some of these matters pertain to water, sewer and gas connections. It had been advised, Mr. Hummel said, that all these things be completed before the proposed new pavement was put down.

Town Attorney Kocher said that the council had power to enact an ordinance under which property owners would have to make sewer and water connections before the street was paved, or if they failed to do so the town could have the work done and the cost would be a lien on the property. These things, however, Mr. Kocher said, were not the difficult problems to be settled. There were larger and more complicated questions to be disposed of and it was very important that the council should confer in regard to them. One of the matters pointed out by Mr. Kocher was the need of a larger water main along Bloomfield avenue and which should be laid before the new pavement. Another matter was that of a conduit for wires, and there was the question of paving the Centre in a manner uniform with Bloomfield avenue. Freeholder Gilbert, Mr. Kocher said, had requested him to present the Bloomfield avenue paving matter and the problems connected with it to the Town Council and have the council take action in regard to them.

Mr. Hummel, as chairman of the railroad committee, also requested that the members of the council meet in conference for the discussion of the petition of the Public Service Railway Company for a double track on Glenwood avenue. Mr. Hummel said that it was important that the members of the council make a definite decision upon what they were going to ask for in return for the double track privilege.

Mayor Hauser made a personal report on two matters which he said properly belonged to the railroad committee. One was the complaint about the early closing of the Watessing avenue station at night. That matter, the mayor said, he had personally taken up with the railroad officials and it had been satisfactorily settled. The other matter related to railroad rates. Mayor Hauser said, that as a patron of the Lackawanna he used the Watessing avenue station, but he paid the same price for his commutation as he would have to pay if he bought his ticket at the Bloomfield station.

One morning the mayor missed his train at the Watessing avenue station and hurried to the Bloomfield station, where he boarded an express train. The conductor demanded an extra five cents fare for the ride between Watessing and Bloomfield. The mayor and conductor got in an argument and the mayor paid the extra fare under protest, taking the conductor's name. The mayor wrote to General Passenger Agent Cullen of the Lackawanna Railroad, stating the case, and received from Mr. Cullen a reply apologizing for the inconvenience that the mayor had been put to, but claiming that the conductor had acted within the line of his duty in demanding the extra fare. The company, Mr. Cullen said, would file with the State Railroad Commission a change in its rate schedule in which Watessing avenue and Bloomfield station commutation tickets would be good at either station.

Glen Ridge Library.

The Board of Trustees of the new Glen Ridge Public Library organized Tuesday evening at the Glen Ridge council rooms and elected officers as follows: President, Mr. Bristol; treasurer, Mr. Bayre; secretary, Mr. Beard. Until the arrangements for regularly carrying on the library are perfected the present library, which was presented to the borough by the Glen Ridge Library Association, will be open at its old hours Tuesday and Friday afternoons and Saturday evenings.

Glee Club Concert.

There is much interest evinced among the students of the high school in the approaching Glee Club and Orchestra concert, which takes place on February 2, at Jarvis Memorial Hall. The tickets, which are now on sale and may be obtained from members of the school, are going rapidly and a very large audience is already assured.

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